THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (c) The investigation has been completed. The proposal with the plains and estimate for the work are under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation).

" (d) These particulars are not available as the proposals have not yet been finalised and submitted to the Government.

" (e) It cannot be said now whether the scheme is likely to be commenced."

Selection of Civil Assistant Surgeons.

* 1122 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the date on which the selection of the Civil Assistant Surgeons was last made;

(b) the number of Civil Assistant Surgeons selected; and

(c) whether any of the selected candidates have been thrown out of the original list and if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The last selection of Civil Assistant Surgeons was made in October 1952.

" (b) 363 candidates were selected.

" (c) The selection of one candidate was not approved, as he was considered unsuitable for regular appointment."

Selection of Civil Assistant Surgeons.

* 1123 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many candidates were selected provisionally to Civil Assistant Surgeons' posts in the selection held recently;

(b) of them how many candidates have been rejected finally: and

(c) what are the reasons assigned for the rejection of those candidates?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) 363 candidates.

" (b) One candidate.

" (c) He was considered unsuitable for regular appointment as an Assistant Surgeon."

Selection of Civil Assistant Surgeons.

* 1124 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Public Service Commission has cancelled the selection of any candidates selected in 1952–53 for the post of Civil Assistant Surgeons in the Madras Medical Service and if so, how many;